

我信上帝 — 信仰的本質及對象

以色列啊！你們要聽：耶和華我們的神是獨一的主。你們要盡心、盡性、盡力，愛耶和華你的神。

申命記 6:4-5

我信 — 信仰的本質

認信：我們為之而生，為之而死的，就是我們的信仰。更重要地，信仰要求我們付出整個生命去回應神對我們的愛。

四種「信仰」：

1. 我相信這世界上有外星人。
2. 我相信美國聯儲局在今年將會有多次減息，所以我決定買屋。
3. 紿我一百個真心相信共產主義的人，我可以改變這世界。
4. 爸爸，你總是欺騙我。我再不會相信你！

信仰的四個層次：

1. 茶餘飯後的閒話家常
2. 生活上的例行公事
3. 為之而生、也為之而死的信念
4. 對上帝信靠並愛慕的關係

信仰的兩點要求：

1. 無保留的委身
2. 全人的投入

I believe in God : The Nature and Object of Faith

“Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God, the LORD is one. Love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength.”

Deut 6:4-5

I believe --- The Nature of Faith

Confession: *Faith is what we live and die for. It demands the unreserved devotion of our entire being. More importantly, faith is our trusting, loving relationship with God.*

Four Kinds of Belief:

1. I believe that there are extraterrestrial life forms.
2. I believe that the interest rate will be further decreased this year, so I have decided to buy a house.
3. Give me 100 true believers of Communism, and I can change the world.
4. Dad, you are always lying. I will never believe you anymore.

Towards Authentic Christian Faith:

1. *Chitchat*: a luxury; topics to chat about at a water cooler
2. *Life style (aka. Religion)*: things that you do habitually
3. *Belief that you live and die for*
4. *Trusting, loving relationship with God*

Two Requirements of Authentic Faith:

1. Dietrich Bonhoeffer: “When Christ calls a man, he bids him come and die.”
2. Abraham Kuyper: “If Jesus Christ is not the lord of all, He is not the Lord at all.”

上帝 — 信仰的對象

認信：我們所相信的上帝是那位在聖經中、在歷史裏自我啟示的獨一真神耶和華，不是我們隨意塑造的偶像。

東方信經（e.g., 尼西亞信經）：
我信獨一上帝

重點：不是任何一位神，而是那獨一的主。

偶像崇拜（羅馬書1:18–32）：用自己塑造出來的形象來取代神；放棄真理、自甘活在謊話中。

兩個偶像：

神啊，求你鑒察我，知道我的心思，試煉我，知道我的意念，看在我裡面有甚麼惡行沒有，引導我走永生的道路。

詩篇139:23-24

不要效法這個世界，只要心意更新而變化，叫你們察驗何為神的善良、純全、可喜悅的旨意。

羅馬書12:2

God --- The Object of Faith

Confession: The God we believe in is the one who reveals Himself in the Scripture and in history, rather than an idol fashioned in our own image.

Eastern creeds (e.g., Nicene Creed):
I believe in One God.

The point: not any God, but the One Lord.

Idolatry (Romans 1:18-32): fashioning God in one's own image, knowingly forsaking truth, living willfully in a lie created by oneself.

Two Idols of Our Time

Investigate my life, O God, find out everything about me; Cross-examine and test me, get a clear picture of what I'm about;

See for yourself whether I've done anything wrong -- then guide me on the road to eternal life.

Psalm 139:23-24 (*The Message*)

Don't become so well-adjusted to your culture that you fit into it without even thinking. Instead, fix your attention on God. You'll be changed from the inside out. Readily recognize what he wants from you, and quickly respond to it. Unlike the culture around you, always dragging you down to its level of immaturity, God brings the best out of you, develops well-formed maturity in you.

Romans 12:2 (*The Message*)